

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

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9:30 A.M.

Robert W. Plaster School of Business • School of Education • Bachelor of General Studies

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	
	Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
National Anthem	Presentation of Colors Show-Me GOLD Color Guard
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Alan Marble President, Missouri Southern State University
Golden Grad Recognition	Dr. Alan Marble
Commencement Speakers	Dr. Conrad Gubera
Pro	ofessor of Sociology, Missouri Southern State University
	Lt. Col. Barbara Bevins, USAF, Ret.
	Missouri Southern State College Alum, Class of 1969
Presentation of Class	Dr. Paula Carson
Provost/Vice President f	or Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Master's Hooding	Dr. Jeffrev Zimmerman
	School of Business, Missouri Southern State University
	Ms. Lorinda Hackett
Interim Dean, S	School of Education, Missouri Southern State University
PRESENTATION OF BACCALAURI	EATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREES
Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Presentation of Diplomas	Board of Governors
Introduction of Degree Candidates	Mr. Mike Olmstead ions and Marketing, Missouri Southern State University
Announcement of Academic Honors	
MSSU Alma Mater (See page 25)	
Recessional "Alleluia! Laudamus Te"	
	Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble

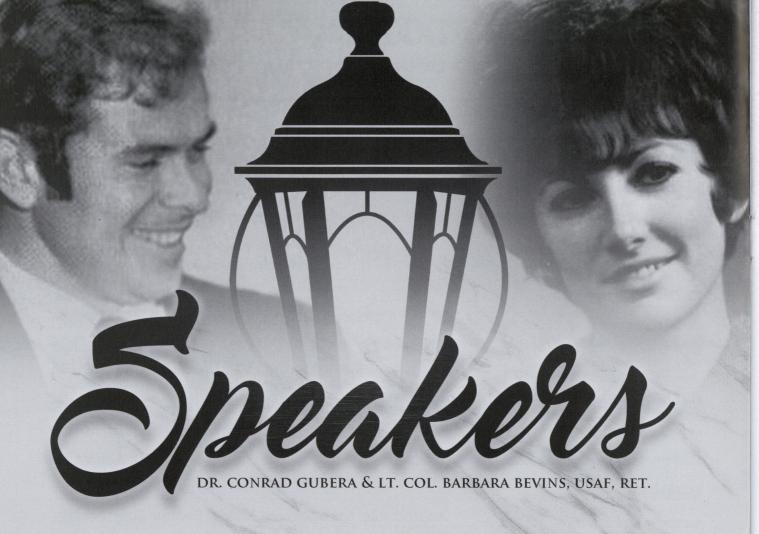
1:00 P.M.

School of Arts and Sciences • School of Health Sciences

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
National Anthem	Presentation of Colors Show-Me GOLD Color Guard
Welcome and Introductions	President, Missouri Southern State University
	ofessor of Sociology, Missouri Southern State University
•••••	Lt. Col. Barbara Bevins, USAF, Ret. Missouri Southern State College Alum, Class of 1969
	Dr. Paula Carson for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
	Dr. Marsi Archer of Arts & Sciences, Missouri Southern State University

PRESENTATION OF BACCALAUREATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREES

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MSSU Alma Mater (See page 25)	Adam Hajeh
	BSE K-12 Music, Lee's Summit
Recessional "Alleluia! Laudamus Te"	Alfred Reed Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble



I t was a humid Sunday afternoon on June 1, 1969, and the Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium at Missouri Southern State College was packed.

Students, family, faculty members and other guests were gathered for the afternoon's commencement ceremony.

While it was the former Joplin Junior College's 31st ceremony, this day was extra special – it marked the first graduating class to receive four-year degrees. In 1967, the junior college had made the move from downtown to the new campus built on the Mission Hills estate.

Leon Billingsly, president of Missouri Southern, presided over the ceremony, which included an address by George A. Spiva Jr., a professor of economics at the University of Tennessee and son of college library namesake George A. Spiva.

"(Spiva Jr.) gave a memorable graduation speech," says Dr. Conrad Gubera, a longtime professor of sociology at Missouri Southern. "He tied it into 'Man of La Mancha' and his refrain was 'Just keep dreaming the impossible dream ... just keep dreaming the impossible dream, and sometimes it will be possible."

Fred G. Hughes, president of the college's Board of Regents and of the Board of Trustees, led the conferring of diplomas to members of the graduating class. The first of the nearly 200 students to walk across the makeshift stage to receive bachelor's degrees that day was Barbara Bevins (then Blackford). She was among the two-year junior college students who made the transition to the new, four-year campus.

"I'm a person who likes to save dessert for last," says Bevins. "I got all the basics out of the way and didn't declare a sociology major until my junior year. I was one of those youngsters who thought they could go out and save the world."

Today, 50 years after the first four-year degrees were conferred, both Gubera and Bevins will be on hand to speak during Missouri Southern State University's 72nd commencement.

Gubera has taught at Missouri Southern since the new campus was established in 1967. He helped create the framework for the sociology degree program and has taught a variety of courses. He was the recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award in 1996 and the Outstanding International Teacher Award a decade later.

After graduation, Bevins served in the United States Air Force for more than 20 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel and taught for many years as a JROTC instructor in Midland, Texas, where she still resides with her husband. She was the recipient of Missouri Southern's Outstanding Alumni award in 1991.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Arwood, Michelle M.

Accounting Carl Junction

Gruenberg, Matt B.

Accounting Carl Junction

Johnson, Tyler B. Accounting

Neosho

Patel, Ankur B. *

Accounting Carthage

Sammons, Jill M.

Accounting Neosho

Walker, Colby H.
Accounting

Stockton

Wang, Jing Accounting China

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Adcock, Sara T. M.

Administration Joplin

Alverson, Gayle Ann *

Curriculum and Instruction Neosho

Berens, Marcie Deanne *

Curriculum and Instruction Carthage

Booher, Kathryn Ann

Administration
Carl Junction

Conner, Lindsey Renee

English Language Learner

K-12

Webb City

Donathan, Julianne Janelle

Curriculum and Instruction Fayetteville, AR

DuRossette, Erica Jordan*

Curriculum and Instruction Joplin

Embrey, Sara Kathryn

English Language Learner K-12

Forbes, Rebecca Ann

Administration Ozark

Carthage

Guerrero, Robert Louis*

Curriculum and Instruction Joplin

Harris, Jamie Storm *

Curriculum and Instruction
Carl Junction

Johnson, Gretchen

Hatch *

Curriculum and Instruction Washburn

Kelly, Patricia Marie *

Curriculum and Instruction Crocker

King, Cameron Joal *

Curriculum and Instruction Colcord, OK

Kuhn, Allyson Michelle

Curriculum and Instruction Eureka

Robbins, Alissa S.

Administration Mt. Vernon

Russell, Molly Jolene

Suzanne

Administration Jasper

Siegrist, Sara Jo

Curriculum and Instruction Aurora Spence, Stephanie Rachelle*

Curriculum and Instruction Jay, OK

Tarter, Shelly Rae

Administration Joplin

Taylor, Hillari Beth

Curriculum and Instruction Stewartsville

Wilson, Theresa Marie*

Curriculum and Instruction Jay, OK

Young, Christopher Canaan

Administration Joplin

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Adams, Jansen M.

General Management Carl Junction

Baack, David Edward

Joplin

Joplin

General Management Joplin

Bentz, Sarah Michelle General Management

Boydston, Emily G. General Management Davis, Robert Donald

General Management Neosho

Dolhopolyi, Stepan

General Management Ukraine

Eriksen, Ashley Nicole

General Management Joplin

Fields, Katie M.

Human Resource Management Joplin Forman, John T.

Human Resource Management

Management Bella Vista, AR

Forsythe, Melissa

Joyce

Human Resource Management Joplin

Holz, William Brent

Human Resource Management Joplin McElhaney, Kady L.

General Management Joplin

Roughton, Hailey Jenalle

Human Resource Management Joplin

Styve, Bryer L.

General Management Galena, KS Thomas, Alexanderia

Renee

Human Resource Management Webb City

Warren, Whitney Nicole

Human Resource Management Joplin

COOPERATIVE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Byrd, Linton Charrarrado Criminal Justice

Collinsville, MS

Carter, Kathleen Michele Criminal Justice Webb City Cruse, Christopher

Criminal Justice Galena, KS

Jackson

Gregory, Joshua Criminal Justice Jessmer, Matthew

Criminal Justice Maysville

Woody, Rebecca Ann * Criminal Justice Webb City

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CANDIDATES FOR HONORS AND DEGREES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES-

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Angelica Badalamenti ‡
Maddison Barclay
Joseph Blank
Jamie Bond
Sarah Bramwell †
Caitlin Brock †
Alex Buckland
Hope Campbell ‡
Tori Covert ‡
Chelsey Curran
Ryan Drendel †
Emily Flynn

Ethan Frack
Brookelynn Freed ‡ †
Madison Goswick ‡
Whitney Hayes ‡
Haley Henry
Haroldo Josue Hernandez

Haroldo Josue Hernar Santos ‡ † Tre'Anna Hinds ‡ Kara Kammermeyer ‡ Jaclyn Kidd † Loren Lay Trina Lindsey Elizabeth Lybarger Camron Matteson America Maxwell Jessica McAndrews Abby Parsons * Garrett Pekarek † Taylor Pryor Rachel Ray ‡ † Heidi Reich † Raquel Reno ‡ Lori Romero Oscar Romero ‡ Melissa Ruiz Pranav Sharma ‡ † Jacob Sholl * Oundre-A Smith Candace Tracy Juliana Truska Alen Viray Abigail West Madison West Leslie Wright

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Sydney Allen
Bailie Broadwater
Alexander Brown *
Abby Burken
Kameron Constien
Shannon Cottner
Jainee Cowen
Lexa Curtis
Richard DeCampa †
Mikayla Demaree
Austin Gripka
Clarissa Gurnow

Adam Hajeh
Bambi Hall
Holly Haner
Chauntelle Harding
Javan Harris
Griffen Heller *
Kelsey Hickman
Nathan Hill
Emily Hoover
Alec Ikerd †
Miranda Johnson
Lillian Kassab *

Sara Lin †
Jordan Lindquist
Chelsie Marion †
Rachel Murphy †
Lauren Olson
Bethanie Pagel
Thelma Ponce Gonzalez
Peyton Powell
Kaitlin Renn
Jazmine Rodriguez
Valeroso Royale *
Mary Scott

Shelby Simpson Halea Slack Dylan Spille * Steven Stokes † Mary Strong Rachel Sweet † Joseph Warren ' Matthew Willis Danielle York †

CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Mustafa Al Thunayan Erin Allen Fadel Alnasser Amanda Beedle Max Bremmerkamp Joshua Brown Sarah Burkes † Alexa Callahan Abigail Clark Abbey Elmore Kristen Fidler Desaray Green Connor Haury Jayse Henderson Chelsey Henry † Hannah Martin Jordan McGonigal
Kristi McKinzie-Payton
Rebecca Norton
Claire Pederson †
Rebecca Ross
Regan Smith
Maria Sturluson
Jamie Sullivan

Sarah Usher Dianne Vlasin Kelsie Walbrecht Soley Webb Jessica Wells

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

FIRST HONORS

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Caitlin Brock †
Jaqueline Hernandez
Loren Lay
Abby Parsons
Alen Viray

SECOND HONORS

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Shannon Cottner Emily Hoover Amanda Hosp Dylan Spille * Braiden Vaught Joseph Warren

THIRD HONORS

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Regan Smith
Dianne Vlasin
Kelsie Walbrecht

Latin honors as published in the program are calculated through the last graded semester and are therefore not official. Once grades and degrees have posted for the final semester, the official standing will be notated on the student's transcript and diploma.

Eligibility for Latin honors requires the candidate to study all the junior and senior years at Missouri Southern, earn a minimum of 60 hours of credit in residence, and achieve the required GPA.

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Aguillon-Langley, Andrew J.

History Neosho

Anderson, Nicholas Ryan

Art-Visual Carthage

Bowles, Jacob Evan

Music Industry Columbus, KS

Broadwater, Bailie Elizabeth

Art-Visual Joplin

Brower, Chandler Allen

Music Industry Joplin

Carter, Synistr Burlington Joel

Music Industry Lee's Summit

Cole, Tyler B.

Music Joplin

Crossno, Laura Abigail

Sociology Neosho

Cruz, Claudia

Spanish Exeter

Curtis, Lexa J.

Spanish Joplin

Drendel, Ryan Oliver †

English-Professional/Technical Writing, Spanish

Naperville, IL

Duncan, Miranda Erin

Music Neosho

Evans, Emily M.

English-Professional/ **Technical Writing** Joplin

Felder, Kaitlin Nicole

English-Professional/Technical Writing Neosho

Fidler, Kristen Leah

Communication-Mass Joplin

Frazier, Mariah Tayla

English-Literary Studies Loma Linda

Gass, Riley M.

English-Literary Studies Joplin

Haas, Tenika Jo

Sociology, Spanish Butterfield

Haner, Holly Nicole

Political Science Liberty

Henson, Dillon W.

French Cassville

Jansen, Darrissa-Ilona Marie

Spanish Curação Johnson, Jessica Rena *

Spanish

El Dorado Springs

Kline, Mary Helen

Spanish Ava

Laird, Patrick Harry

History Perry, KS

Masters, Daniel Tyler

History Rogers, AR

McGuire, Abigail Alane

Communication-Mass, Communication-Public Relations, Spanish Joplin

Nash, Megan A.

Psychology, Sociology Joplin

Overton, Jahayla Kathleen

Theatre Neosho

Randolph, Luke Marshall

Music Joplin

Roach, William David

Music Webb City

Rodriguez, Rocio

Spanish Purdy

Sfortunato, Anthony F.

Music

Carl Junction

Shuster, Jacob M.

Geography, History Mount Vernon

Smith, Christian Michael

Communication-Mass Joplin

Smith, Oliver Christian

Music Carthage

Sprinkle, Dean William

History Cassville

Stafford, Martika Lynne

International Studies Eldon

Wynhausen, Veronica M.

International Studies Joplin

Yang, Mianquing

Physics-Engineering China

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Atkinson, Cicily Mae

Fine Arts-Graphic Design Cassville

Kidd, Jaclyn Victoria †

Fine Arts-Graphic Design Neosho

Stark, James Gary Fine Arts-Graphic Design Miami, OK

Strong, Mary Elizabeth Fine Arts-Graphic Design Pleasant Hill

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Acklin, Kylie C.

Communication-Public Relations Mountain View

Albrecht, Ty Thomas

Criminal Justice Administration Elk Creek

Anderson, Lindsey Kay

Biology Sarcoxie

Andrus, Brian Daniel

Criminal Justice Administration Seneca

Austin, Garrett

Geography
Overland Park, KS

Barragan, Samantha

Criminal Justice Administration Lowell, AR

Bartz, Kristen Danielle

Criminal Justice Administration Miami, OK

Beckwith, Jeffrey Alan

Environmental Health and Safety Farmington, NM

Billesbach, Brendan P.

Criminal Justice Administration/ CIS-Computer Forensics Columbus, KS

Brock, Dillon Michael *

Biology Alba

Brown, Sierrah Dawn

Criminal Justice Administration Marble Hill

Buckland, Alex Quinn

Biology Webb City

Buerge, Desirea LaDawn

Biology Carl Junction

Bunch, Kyler Forrest

Criminal Justice Administration Hiwasse, AR

Burgess, Callie Joy

Criminal Justice Administration Lamar

Burkes, Sarah Catherine †

Communication-Mass Bentonville, AR

Calvin, Amanda Lynn

Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Camblin, Kendahl Leigh

Environmental Health and Safety Webb City

Carlock, Kendric Jarvon

Communication-Public Relations Saint Louis

Cartwright, Baylee Nichole

Biology Joplin

Chaligoj, Kenedey Mary Elle

Criminal Justice Administration Jasper

Chodor, Walter Andrew

Biochemistry Chicago, IL

Christensen, Justin Tyler

Biology Owasso, OK

Collens, Benjamin John

Criminal Justice Administration Lee's Summit

Combs. Lucas James

Criminal Justice Administration Willow Springs

Conway, Lexis Kay

Communication-Public Relations Webb City

Corn, Patrick Andrew

Biochemistry
Baxter Springs, KS

Cottner, Shannon

Criminal Justice Administration Saint Robert

Cowen, Jainee Lynn

Biology Eminence

Cruzan, Matthew Andrew

Physics-Engineering Joplin

Czirr, Andrea Elaine

Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Davis, Melissa Ann

Political Science Springfield

Davis, Whitney Allen

Communication-Mass Jasper

De La Torre, Miriam Joanna

Criminal Justice Administration Springdale, AR

DeAtley, Nadalynn Mae

Sociology Galena

DeCampa, Richard Russell Nikodemus †

Political Science, Sociology Joplin

Dennis, Michelle Sonya

Biology Jamaica

Dzierzega, Michal

Criminal Justice Administration Bridgeview, IL

England, Macalah Hope

Biochemistry, Biology Joplin

Ernst, John

Mathematics Bella Vista, AR

Ferrari, Lexi Marie

Criminal Justice Administration Rock Island, IL

Giarratano, Samuel Thomas

Sociology Joplin

Gilbert, Faith Marie O'Neal *

Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Gilmore, Dakota Lee

Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Goodson, Megan N.

Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

Goodwin, Dominick

Deen

Criminal Justice Administration Sheldon

Gordon, Sean Evan

Communication-Mass Joplin

Grant, Logan Sadler

Criminal Justice Administration Galena, KS

Green, Joshua

Dawayne

Criminal Justice Administration Carl Junction

Haltom, Tristan Ray

Mathematics Thornfield

Harlin, Sydney Michelle

Biology Carthage

Harrison, Kennan Michael

Criminal Justice Administration Carthage

Hayes, Whitney Faye ‡

Biology Mount Vernon

Hernandez Santos, Haroldo

Josue ‡ †

Biochemistry, Biology Guatemala

Herron, Veronica Marie

Biology Joplin

Hickman, Carter Lee

Communication-Public Relations Neosho

Hill, Nathan Kaleb †

Biology Fordland

Hill, Romel Laquan

Criminal Justice Administration Robbins, IL

Hillsman, Jake Christopher

Criminal Justice Administration Schell City

Hinds, Tre'Anna LeaShea ‡

Political Science Nevada Holbrook, Alana Kathleen

Criminal Justice Administration Miami, OK

Holliday, Christina R.

Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Holly, Jonah Louis *

Criminal Justice Administration Carterville

Hoover, Emily Brianne

Criminal Justice Administration/ CIS-Computer Forensics Webb City

Hudson, Hailey Marie

Chemistry Joplin

Ibarra, Abigail

Criminal Justice Administration Purdy

Ikerd, Alec Lynn †

Biology Seneca

Inscore, Keith Hunter

Mathematics Joplin

Johnson, Jessica Rena

Criminal Justice Administration El Dorado Springs

Kemper, Jack William

Criminal Justice Administration Sappington

Kinder, Whitney Lynne

Biology Smithville

Kross, Mike William

Biology Curaçao

Layne, Jacob Michael

Political Science Joplin

Leo, Aaron Davon

Criminal Justice Administration Delray Beach, FL

Letourneau, Malynda J.

Communication-Mass Tacoma, WA

Lyon, Connor Wesley *

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Criminal Justice Administration Carthage

Maiuro, Dominic E.

Biology Raymore

Malcolm, James

Michael

Criminal Justice Administration Neosho

Martin, Sarah Kathryn *

Biology Neosho

Matteson, Camron Dean

Biology Eminence

Maurer, Jesse Jedediah

Biology Carthage

McGonigal, Jordan Leigh

Biology Rocky Comfort

Mcilvaine, Stephen Cody

Biology Neosho

Mgbike, Uchechukwu Ebelechukwu *

Biology Nigeria

Murphy, Rachel Victoria †

Communication-Mass, Communication-Public Relations Bella Vista, AR

Nabors, Myles Alexander

Communication-Mass Kansas City

Neff, Christian Allen

Biology Neosho

Nelson, Johanna M.

Environmental Health and Safety Campbell

Nguyen, Joseph Minh

Biology Carl Junction

Noble, Drew Kent

Criminal Justice Administration Hampton, IL

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Criminal Justice Administration Bella Vista. AR

Olson, Lauren Emily

Biology Diamond Osburn, Corbin David

Criminal Justice Administration Tulsa, OK

Osterloh, Connor James Milton

Biology

Mount Vernon

Ostmeyer, Maria Leigh *

Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Palet, Brittney Nicole

Environmental Health and Safety Erie, KS

Parsons, Abby Shaye *

Criminal Justice Administration Purdy

Patterson, Jacob A.

Biology Neosho

Paynter, Dalton Lee

Criminal Justice Administration Webb City

Pederson, Toby James †

Physics-Engineering Carl Junction

Pekarek, Garrett Evan †

Sociology Joplin

Perez, Valeria Simona

Communication-Public Relations Cassville

Ponce Gonzalez, Thelma Haydde

Biology Mexico

Pottorff, Jordan Lee

Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Powers, Katlyn Marie

Criminal Justice Administration Aurora

Priester, Cameron James

Biology Carthage

Raymond, Jeremy Luevane

Chemistry Lockwood

Rickman, Jennifer Anne

Biology Neosho

Neosho

Robb, Justin Scott

Environmental Health and Safety Springfield

Roberts, Chandi Rae *

Criminal Justice Administration Riverton, KS

Rogers, Heather ReNae

Biology Coffeyville, KS

Rojas Perez, Marina Del Coral

Criminal Justice Administration Independence

Romero, Lori L.

Sociology Joplin

Rooffener, Lora Michelle

Biology Joplin

Rosenthal, Zoe Ann

Criminal Justice Administration Carthage

Russell, Jerrica Ann

Biochemistry, Biology Cassville

Ryan, Caitlyn Ann

Political Science Joplin

Sachetta, Gabriel Hamilton

Communication-Public Relations Joplin

Sharma, Pranav ‡ †

Biology Joplin

Simpson, Stacey Ann *

Criminal Justice Administration Carterville

Skaggs, Katherine Lee

Communication-Mass
Carl Junction

Skelton, Bailey Gabrielle

Biology Seneca

Slankard, Miranda Leah

Sociology Bernice, OK

Stewart, Kayla Marie *

Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

Stokes, Steven Lee †

Mathematics Carl Junation

Carl Junction

Stovall, Amanda Lynn

Criminal Justice Administration Miami, OK

Sumler, Joshua Caleb

Criminal Justice Administration Anderson

Sweet, Rachel LeeAnn †

Biology Neosho

Swinehart, Shelby Lynne

Biology Carthage

Taylor, Mary Rhianne

Biology Oswego, KS

Tennis, Micaela Maree

Biology Joplin

Thao, Coua

Biochemistry Joplin

Tool, Kennedy M. †

Biology Neosho

Usher, Sarah Jeanne

Biology Steelville

VanDoren, Brendan S.

Criminal Justice Administration Pevely

Vargas, Maria Magdalena

Biology Joplin

Vaught, Braiden David

Criminal Justice Administration Webb City

Verfurth, Macie V.

Biology Billings

Victor, Joash S.

Biology

British Virgin Islands

Viray, Alen John P.

Computational Math/CIS-Math Joplin

Vlasin, Dianne R.

Criminal Justice Administration Neosho

Walbrecht, Kelsie Paige

Criminal Justice Administration Union

Warstler, Ethan Jeffrey

Physics Joplin

Watson, Brady C. *

Criminal Justice Administration Bentonville, AR

Welch, Ashby Jonah

Biology Joplin

West, Abigail Kate

Communication-Mass, Communication-Public Relations Joplin

West, Madison Leigh

Communication-Mass, Communication-Public Relations Joplin

Williams, Anissa Marie *

Biology Joplin

Williams, Megan Nicole Paige

Criminal Justice Administration Bentonville, AR

Witzman, Deborah Joy

Sociology Joplin

Wolfe, Adara Blaze

Biology Alba

Wood, Joshua D.

Sociology Joplin

Wood, Logan R.

Criminal Justice Administration Carthage

Wright, Leslie Ann

Sociology Neosho

Wright, Shelby L. Political Science

West Plains

Yang, Mianqing

Physics-Engineering China

Young, Kevin Michael ‡

Environmental Health and Safety

Colorado Springs, CO

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK-

Barks, Chelsea L.

Social Work Joplin

Callahan, Alexa Caitlin

Social Work Cassville

Demaree, Mikayla Danae

Social Work Jenks, OK

Dinyer, Jordan Kaylee

Social Work Hallsville

Dresslaer, Maghen

Social Work Carthage

Eden, Kiah-Grace LeAnn

Social Work Cassville

Evans, Kaelynn Michelle

Social Work Joplin

Fisher, Tracy Renee

Social Work Joplin

Ford, Courtney Rashell

Social Work Bentonville, AR

Freed, Brookelynn Mae ‡ †

Social Work Joplin

Garcia, Vanessa

Social Work Carthage

Harding, Chauntelle Daniece

Social Work Miami, OK

Hayes, Charles Phillip

Social Work Grove, OK

Johnson, Miranda Maelyn

Social Work Joplin

Kattine, Michele Rose

Social Work Georgetown, OH

Locicero, Shelby E.

Social Work Joplin

Maggard, Samara Rene *

Social Work Carthage

Reed, Lynn Addie

Social Work Bella Vista, AR

Regis, Yoanna

Social Work Neosho

Reno, Raquel Nichole ‡

Social Work Joplin Rodriguez, Jazmine Social Work

Purdy

Sapp, James M. Social Work

Joplin

Shannon, Karin Westwood Social Work

Alba

Shaw, Stephanie Marie

Social Work **Carl Junction**

Tyler-Neal, Christina Marie Social Work

Joplin

Wilson, Kalynn Elisabeth

Social Work Stella

Wright, Victori DeeAnn Social Work Joplin

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE-

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Law Enforcement Seneca

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Law Enforcement Miami, OK

Billesbach, Brendan P.

Law Enforcement Columbus, KS

Brown, Sierrah Dawn

Law Enforcement Marble Hill

Bunch, Kyler Forrest

Law Enforcement Hiwasse, AR

Burgess, Callie Joy

Law Enforcement Lamar

Calvin, Amanda

Law Enforcement Joplin

Chaligoj, Kenedey Mary Elle

Law Enforcement Jasper

Collens, Benjamin J.

Law Enforcement Lee's Summit

Combs. Lucas James

Law Enforcement Willow Springs

Cottner, Shannon

Law Enforcement Saint Robert

Czirr. Andrea Elaine

Law Enforcement Joplin

Dzierzega, Michal

Law Enforcement Bridgeview, IL

Ferrari, Lexi Marie

Law Enforcement Rock Island, IL

Fisher, Jennifer

Law Enforcement Goodman

Gilmore, Dakota Lee

Law Enforcement **Joplin**

Goodwin, Dominick Deen

Law Enforcement Sheldon

Grant, Logan Sadler

Law Enforcement Galena, KS

Green, Joshua Dawayne

Law Enforcement Carl Junction

Harrison, Kennan Michael

Law Enforcement Carthage

Hillsman, Jake Christopher

Law Enforcement Schell City

Holbrook, Alana Kathleen

Law Enforcement Miami, OK

Holliday, Christina R.

Law Enforcement Joplin

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Elementary Education-Special Education Carl Junction

Hembree, Noah C.

Secondary Education-Social and Political Science Webb City

Henderson, Jayse Sue

Elementary Education-Early Childhood Purdy

Howerton, Caleb Austin

Secondary Education-Social Science/History Broken Arrow, OK

Johnston, Nina Lauren

Elementary Education Grove, OK

Kammermeyer, Kara Louise ‡

Elementary Education-Early Childhood Saint Louis

Lindquist, Jordan Ruth

Elementary Education Lamar

Lybarger, Elizabeth Paige

Secondary Education-Social Science/History Blue Springs

McAndrews, Jessica Dawn

Elementary Education Galena

McCaulley, Christian Sarah

Elementary Education Wichita, KS

McGriff, Monica Marie

Elementary Education Joplin

McKee, Justin Wayne

K-12 Education-Physical Education
Joplin

Miller, Tyler James

Elementary Education Joplin

Norton, Rebecca Lynn

Elementary Education-Early Childhood Miami, OK

Pagel, Bethanie Dawn

Elementary Education Taiwan

Pollock, Kelby Thomas

Secondary Education-English Joplin

Pryor, Taylor Nicole

Elementary Education Afton, OK

Rodriguez, Mikkiela D.

Elementary Education Siloam Springs, AR

Ross, Mitzi Leigh

Elementary Education Carthage

Roth, Mendy Leigh

Elementary Education Gravette, AR

Simpson, Shelby Lynn

Elementary Education
Carthage

Slack, Halea Sue

Elementary Education Willard

Smith, Deanna Kay

Middle School Education-Social Studies, Secondary Education-Social Science/History Joplin

Spear, Tera Kay

Elementary Education Columbus, KS

Thielemier, Kyle Anthony

Elementary Education
Pea Ridge, AR

Thomas, Aubrey Morgan

Elementary Education Granby

Tracy, Candace Leigh

Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Truska, Juliana Joy

Elementary Education Joplin

Waggoner, Ryan Tate

Middle School Education-Social Studies Webb City

Wall, Bradyn Grace

Elementary Education Webb City

Waltz, Amber Dawn

Elementary Education Bentonville, AR

Webb, Soley D.

Middle School Education-Science Poplar Bluff

Wells, Jessica Paige

Middle School Education-Social Studies Coffeyville, KS

Williams, Katelyn Ruthann

Elementary Education Rogers, AR

Willis, Matthew Michael

Secondary Education-Social Science/History Newton, KS

Wilson, Nicholette Leigh

Elementary Education Bentonville, AR

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES—

Bridgford, Annie Rebecca

General Studies
Joplin

Bunton, Jaclyn Kathleen

General Studies Lamar

Burleigh, Sara Kathleen

General Studies Owasso, OK

Cash, Lydia Michael

General Studies
Joplin

Conklin, Casey Aaron

General Studies
Monett

Durham, David Glenn *

General Studies
Joplin

Fedewa, Rebecca J.

General Studies
Joplin

Ferris, Bettie Jean

General Studies Baxter Springs, KS

Frack, Ethan Dale

General Studies
Carl Junction

Gibson, Jeremy Allen

General Studies
Carl Junction

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Gideon, Yvonne Therese

General Studies
Racine

Gleghorn, Robert Dalton

General Studies Rogers, AR

Hardimon, Eddie Bee

General Studies Indianapolis, IN

Harris, Javan Blade

General Studies Miami, OK

Harris, Kourtney Brianne

General Studies Joplin

Jackson, Stefanie Kaye

General Studies Pea Ridge, AR

Jarrett, Thomas Michael

General Studies Neosho

Kellenberger, Madison Kay

General Studies Carthage

Lacayo, Justin

General Studies Lauderdale Lakes, FL

Laidler, Olivia Lynn

General Studies Pittsburg, KS

Landers, Freddie L.

General Studies Grayslake, IL

Langley, Jimmie Wayne

General Studies Neosho

Lewis, Grant Michael

General Studies
Carl Junction

Lutz, Ashley Nicole

General Studies O'Fallon

Meredith, Eleanor Ortega

General Studies
Joplin

Mojica, Brandi Marie *

General Studies Carthage

Salas, Alejandra

General Studies Monett

Samson, Cecilia A.

General Studies Freistatt

Schaper, Curtis Dale

General Studies Trov

Settle, Ethan Boone

General Studies
Joplin

Sohosky, Katherine Rae

General Studies Joplin

Southard, Nijah Bethsheba

General Studies Joplin

Sperandio, David Lawrence *

General Studies Jefferson City

Thomas, Franklin J.

General Studies Miami, FL

Tichenor, Mica Rose

General Studies Wheaton

Vasquez, Braylee Elizabeth

General Studies O' Fallon

Vlasin, Lathan J.

General Studies Neosho

Walrath, Jacquelyn M.

General Studies Mount Vernon

Williams, Jamie S.

General Studies Sarcoxie

York, Danielle Allene †

General Studies Joplin



GRADUATES WHO HAVE STUDIED **Abroad**

As provided by the Institute of International Studies.

Students who received MSSU academic credit for studying abroad through an MSSU-sponsored or recognized program are wearing a sash today representing the country or countries where they studied. Since 1995, MSSU has sent more than 3,500 students abroad to reflect its statewide mission in global education.

Adams, Jansen France, United Kingdom

Adcock, Sara Belize

Atkinson, Cicily Norway

Barragan, Samantha United Kingdom

Beebe, Kenna United Kingdom

Blank, Joseph Germany

Bowles, Jacob Estonia, Finland, Sweden

Bramwell, Sarah Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy

Bridgford, Annie Sweden

Brock, Caitlin Ireland, Spain

Burkes, Sarah France

Burks, Ashlea Spain

Carlock, Kendric Canada

Cooper, Kyle *

Copeland, Emiley China Cowen, Jainee United Kingdom

Deardorff, Tehya Spain

DeCampa, Richard

Drendel, Ryan France, Mexico

Duncan, Miranda Estonia, Finland, Sweden

Durham, David * Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy

Eden, Kirsten Spain

Eriksen, Ashley Sweden

Fidler, Kristen France

Fowler, Chase United Kingdom

Frazier, Mariah United Kingdom

Freed, Brookelynn Portugal, Spain

Garnett, Mark Spain

Gass, Riley United Kingdom

Gilford, Tiffany Italy **Gurnow, Clarissa** Spain

Gwin Martinez, Syleris Germany

Hajeh, Adam Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy

Harris, Michelle Estonia, Finland, Sweden

Harris, Javan France

Hayes, Whitney Italy

Henry, Chelsey Ireland

Henson, Dillon France

Hill, Nathan Italy

Ibarra, Abigail Germany, Ukraine

Ikerd, Alec Belize

Ikerd, Karin Belize

Johnson, Jessica * Spain

Kline, Mary South Korea

Kross, Mike Estonia, Finland, Sweden Lin, Sara Italy

Maiuro, Dominic

Marion, Chelsie China

Martin, Hannah Denmark, Ireland, Norway, Sweden

Matteson, CamronUnited Kingdom

McGuire, Abigail Spain

Minear, Brittany Costa Rica

Murphy, Rachel France

Olson, Lauren Spain

Pederson, Claire United Kingdom

Pederson, Toby United Kingdom

Pekarek, Garrett Cuba, Mexico

Ray, Rachel Costa Rica

Ross, Rebecca Germany, Ukraine

Russell, Jerrica Italy Sharma, Pranav United Kingdom

Smith, Christian France

Stafford, Martika United Kingdom

Stokes, Steven Spain

Sweet, Rachel Italy

Teeter, Nathan China

Warren, Joseph South Korea

West, Abigail France

West, Madison France

Wynhausen, Veronica South Korea

Yang, Cuy China

York, Danielle Czech Republic, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy



Words by Mary Laird, Class of '39

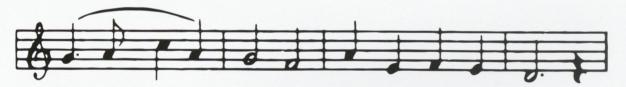
Music by Emerson Jackson, Class of '39



Our Al-ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap-ing and guid - ing our de-sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the second year of Joplin Junior College's existence by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.



s early as the 12th century, the first modern universities – at Bologna Aand Paris – were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear blue gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's degrees. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The cooperative masters's degree hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions.

Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Accountancy, **Business** and Commerce: Journalism: Crimson

Philosophy:

Drab

Library Science Lemon Yellow

Dark Blue

Arts, Letters, **Humanities:**

Law:

Physical Education: Sage Green

White

Purple

Science: Golden Yellow

Education: Light Blue

Music: Pink

Theology:

Scarlet

Fine Arts: Brown

Nursing: Apricot

Regalia Cords

Alpha Chi: Gold

Athletics:

Green and Gold

Criminal Justice Honor Society (Alpha Phi Sigma): Blue and Gold

Dental Hygiene Honor Society (Sigma Phi Alpha): Purple and Gold

Education Honor Society (Kappa Delta Pi): Purple and Green

Freshman Honor Society (Phi Eta Sigma): Black and Gold

Honors Program: Green

International English Honor Society (Sigma Tau Delta): Black and Red

International Honor Society in Business (Delta Mu Delta): Braided Gold and Purple

International Honor Society in **Economics** (Omicron Delta Epsilon): Braided Gold and Blue

International Honor Society in Psychology (Psi Chi): Braided Platinum and Dark Blue

National History Honor Society (Phi Alpha Theta): Blood Red and Sky Blue

National Leadership Honor Society (Omicron Delta Kappa): Braided Blue, Black and White

National Physics Honor Society (Sigma Pi Sigma): Dark Green and White

Nursing Honor Society: Apricot

Respiratory Therapy Honor Society (Lambda Beta): Navy Blue and Green

Social Work Honor Society (Phi Alpha): Blue and Gold

Theatre Honor Society (Alpha Psi Omega): Antique Gold and Light Blue

Veterans: Red. White and Blue

Women in Science: Orchid Pink

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Ryan Drendel named 2019's **Outstanding Graduate**

Ryan Drendel, a senior English-Professional/Technical Writing and Spanish major from Naperville, III., has been named the 2019 Outstanding Graduate at Missouri Southern.

In 2018, Drendel was the first student from Missouri Southern to be accepted into the HealthStream internship program in Nashville, Tenn. Prior to that, he completed an internship with the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

During his freshman year, he traveled to Paris and London as part of a trip offered through the English Department. Last year, he immersed himself in the study of Spanish during the fall semester at the Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla in Pueblo City, Mexico.

He's also a member of the university's cross country and track and field teams, and served as one of the editors for bordertown. the campus literary publication. He's this year's Outstanding English Major honoree, and received first place in the Humanities Division of the 2017 MSSU Undergraduate Research Symposium (and second place in the same division in 2018).

Drendel says he's tried to embrace the many opportunities open to students at

"I feel like one of the great things about Missouri Southern is there are so many things you can do here", he says. "You just have to be open to doing them."

Student leaders honored during Dolence Awards ceremony

Fifty-one students were recognized during the 28th annual Glenn D. Dolence Leadership/ Service Recognition Assembly, held April 4.

Peyton Powell, a business management major from Springdale, Ark., received the Leader of the Year award.

Student Services and Omicron Delta Kappa at Missouri Southern sponsor the awards, which are presented to graduating students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills on campus and who have made a difference in the areas of campus organizations, student employment, student services or athletics.

Spring 2019 Honorees

Socorro Arizaga America Maxwell Angel Badalamenti Abigail McGuire Kelsey Bartlett Kristi McKinzie-Amanda Beedle Payton Joseph Blank **Dusti Nabors** Cory Canterbury Cheyenne Neuhoff Cydney Churchwell James Nguyen Colin Clary Merjen Nurberdiyeva Patrick Corn Toby Pederson Laura Crossno Garrett Pekarek **Daniel Day** EmmaLeigh Pierson Jessica Elliott Trevor Plafcan Taylor Erickson Kelby Pollock Ally Fisher Thelma Ponce Chase Fowler Peyton Powell Brookelynn Freed Paige Ragar Adam Hajeh Marina Rojas Perez Holly Haner Melissa Ruiz Haley Henry Rachel Jacob Sholl Nathan Hill Elizabeth Stewart Tre'Anna Hinds Micaela Tennis Ray-Hold Kennedy Thomas Gabriela House-Lee Sarah Usher Keron Knowles Adara Wolfe Mike Kross Shelby Wright Sarah Martin

Dominic Maurio



Humphreys Scholars Graduates

The Debra and David Humphreys Excellence Award was established in 2017 with a \$1 million gift.

The annual recipients of the award - or Humphreys Scholars – are graduates of high schools within 50 miles of Missouri Southern and majoring in biological and physical sciences, mathematics, education, accounting, finance, engineering technology or computer science. The funds awarded cover at least 50 percent of their tuition for that school year.

To be eligible, students must demonstrate financial need and meet one of the following criteria at the time of application:

- At least a 3.7 high school or collegiate GPA (on a 4.0 scale).
- A 28 or above composite ACT score or a combined critical reading and mathematics SAT score of 1300.
- Graduate in the top 10 percent of their high-school class.

The following graduates were among the first students to recieve this award:

Caitlin Brock Cayley Conrad Chelsey Curran Alec Fehring Austin Gripka Matthew Cruenberg Jordan McGonigal

Emily Hoover

James Nguyen Rachel Polen **Taylor Pryor** Kennedy Tool Alen Viray



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